Statement

(1) Mazagon Docks Limited, Bombay	8 OSV. 4 were to be delivered between October, 1983 to April, 1984. Two vessles delivered so far in February 1984 and March, 1985 respectively. Remaining two are yet to be delivered. Formal contract in respect of remaining 4 is yet to be signed.
(2) Hindustan Shipyard Limited Vishakhapatnam	4 OSVs to be delivered between July, 1985 to April, 1986. No vessel delivered as yet.
(3) Hooghly Dock & Port Engineers India Limited Howrah	2 OSVs to be delivered between October, 1985 to January, 1986.
(4) Garden Reach shipbuilders and Engineers, Calcutta	3 OSVs to be delivered between October 1985 to April, 1986.
(5) Goa Shipyards Limited Goa	3 OSVs to be delivered between August, 1985 to April, 1986.

Indian Telephone Industries

1698. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Telephone Industries Limited plans to double the capacity of its Palghat Unit for manufacturing digital trunk automatic exchanges (DTAX) in collaboration with CIT-Alcatel of France;

(b) whether despite the fact that two years have passed since the selection of the foreign collaborator, hardly any work has been done to implement the project;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether action has been initiated to impart proper training to the line staff and the Engineering Officers; if so, what are the details thereof and whether such training centres are proposed to be set up in each region; and

(e) what is the time bound programme prepared for installation of such exchanges particularly in areas of Rajasthan where telecommunications are far from adequate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Agreement with CIT-Alcatel for the manufacture of Digital Trunk Automatic Exchanges became effective from 16th May, 1985 and the civil works for the project are in progress.

(d) A large manpower has been imparted training in India as well as abroad for the establishment and maintenance of Digital Trunk Automatic Exchanges and the training is now being imparted in all Regional Telecom. Training Centres located in various parts of the country. There is no plan for opening any additional training centres for the purpose

(e) The programme or utilisation of the supplies of Digital Trunk Automatic Exchanges from the Palghat Unit under the Seventh Plan is yet to be finally decided.

Licences for Distribution of Petrol Diesel Kerosene and Cooking Gas in U. P.

1699. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons who have been granted licences for distributing petrol, diesel, kerosene and cooking gas in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have received complaints that some ineligible persons have been allotted the agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The Oil Industry has awarded the following number of